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28 Persons in 4 States Indicted as Snoopers

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (UPI) — Twenty-eight persons in four states have been arrested and indicted on charges of wiretapping or unlawful eavesdropping to gather industrial secrets and information about marital matters, the Manhattan District Attorney announced today.

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan also said three corporations were indicted on the charges in the culmination of a 27-month investigation carried out by three grand juries.

Hogan said the arrests were made beginning at dawn today in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and California.

Among the individuals indicted were persons who have

appeared before congressional committees to "express concern about just such invasion of privacy," Hogan said.

Among those indicted was John G. Broady, who 11 years ago was convicted on wiretapping charges and was sentenced to two to four years in jail.

Another was Bernard Spindel, a self-described electronics expert who had testified on the subjects of wiretapping and eavesdropping before congressional committees.

Several years ago, Spindel stood trial with Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa in New York on wiretapping charges. Both were

acquitted.